

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant recognizes that no amendment may be made as a matter of right in an application after the mailing of the notice of allowance. Applicant is making this request prior to payment of the issue fee and respectfully requests entry of the amendment.

The requested amendments are as follows.

Claim 76

Claim 76 was incorrectly indicated as cancelled in a draft communication transmitted to Examiner after the Examiner-initiated interview of 22 February 2011. During the interview, the Examiner requested amendments to claims 10 and 19. In a subsequent communication, the Examiner requested cancellation of system claims 77 and 78. In order to expedite prosecution, Applicant provided draft language to the Examiner. The Examiner never requested cancellation or alteration of dependent claim 76. Claim 76 is dependent on allowed claims 75 and 19 and therefore should require no additional searching.

Claims 10 and 19

Applicant herein requests entry of the amendments to claims 10 and 19. As the Examiner indicated in the interview summary, Shi et al. 7,582,680 was discussed. In order to expedite prosecution, Applicant agreed with the Examiner's proposed amendments. After review of the specification and the references, Applicants believe the amendment is warranted. Support for the additional fusion techniques may be found in the specification at [0137], [0138], [0139], [0144].

No new matter is introduced hereby. Should the Examiner or Patent Office personnel believe a telephone call could expedite processing of this application, please contact the undersigned at 510-769-3508.

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